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Kongsberg Automotive manufactures non-surgical face masks

Kongsberg Automotive's Interior segment manufactures non-medical, reusable face masks in factories reconfigured from seat heat mats to mask production in Europe and Mexico.

Our masks are machine washable at 90 °C, reusable at least 5 times and comfortable to wear for extended periods of time.

The masks are intended to reduce air born liquid droplets emitted by the wearer from entering the environment around the user. This reduction of user emitted air born liquid droplets into the environment reduces the chances of contamination. The masks are classified as anti-dirt work masks or work wear. The masks are not certified according to medical standards.

All manufacturing is done in a controlled industrial environment, with daily temperature checks of employees who wear masks & gloves and exceed recommended social distancing guidelines. The mask packaging is designed to prevent contamination during transport. Although our masks are not certified as medical grade, we of course use these masks internally in our various plants around the world in order to protect our employees.

The first deliveries of masks have already taken place to municipalities and organizations. We at Kongsberg Automotive are excited about contributing our capabilities and manufacturing expertise towards limiting the spread of the Corona virus.

Key characteristics

- >99,5% elimination of droplet spread from wearer.
- Low breathing resistance (<20Pa/cm²), enabling easy use for 8-10h shifts.
- 90 °C / 65 °C Celsius industrially machine washable, reusable for at least 5 times.

About Kongsberg Automotive

Kongsberg Automotive provides world-class products to the global vehicle industry. Kongsberg Automotive's business has a global presence with revenues of more than EUR 1.1 billion and approximately 11,000 employees in 19 countries in 2019. The company is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland. The parent company is based in Norway and our stock is publicly traded on the Oslo Stock Exchange.

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Benefits

- Mask shape adjustable to different individual needs.
- Can be worn flat or tuned to shape.
- Beneficial easy fit for quick assembly if desired.
- Made by high-quality fabric more commonly used in the interior comfort business
- Easy breathing and comfortable to wear

If you represent a municipality or other large consumer of non-surgical masks, please reach out to Andrew Seppala for the Americas and Daniel Josefson in Europe and we'll find out together how Kongsberg Automotive can help you. Please note that we are not capable of servicing the retail market.

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